

SOLITUDE AT STATE HOUSE

Capitol Corridors Are Silent and the Offices Are Deserted.

OFFICIALS AWAY ON CAMPAIGN DUTIES

Public Business at a Standstill While the Populists Hustle to Save Their Party from Probable Defeat.

LINCOLN, Oct. 26.—(Special)—The state house now has deserted appearance. All of the state officers are out in the state taking part in the campaign, and a large number of the deputies are performing the same kind of work. Few letters are coming to the state departments relating to public business, and few are expected until after election day, when the officials will return to their posts of duty. Early in the campaign, when the fusion headquarters were at the capitol building, there were a number of callers every day, but now that Edmiston and Dahman are occupying a room at the Lincoln hotel and the state officers are gone most of the time political visitors at the capitol are scarce. The fusion managers changed their headquarters, not because they deemed the capitol building an inappropriate place for political plotting, but because in the offices furnished by the state their movements were to a certain extent open to the public gaze. The present location is in the fourth story of the hotel, where no body faithful and initiated can reach them.

In order to get additional funds for the campaign the clerks and deputies at the capitol as well as at the other state institutions have been compelled to pay liberal exactions. This extends as well to the various state agencies, and the money taken over from the republican administration is being used to pay the expenses of the work of writing letters, folding and addressing documents, is also done by employees of the state, and in cases where a large volume of political matter has to be prepared and sent out, several additional clerks are called out from the capitol building to help in the work.

The campaign, from a republican standpoint, is very satisfactory shape. Stories of gains come from almost every county in the state, while the same mails bring news of the disaffection of populists, or general apathy, among the members of the fusion forces. Whenever the republicans have a meeting the attendance has been good, while the populists are talking mostly to empty tenures. There is every indication that a considerable part of the populist vote will stay at home, or will be cast for the republicans.

In Lancaster county a speaking campaign has been conducted, and the crowds at the republican meetings are larger and more enthusiastic than they were last year, while the opposition speakers are having very indifferent success, and in some cases meetings have been abandoned for want of hearers. Senator Allen has advertised for a speech in that city, but night before the date he was afraid that they would fail in getting out a respectable crowd, and thus further disengage their forces, so they came to the conclusion a few days ago to call off the meeting.

AUSTIN EASILY RELEASED.

Editor Austin of the Call returned home from Geneva today, having in the preliminary examination before Justice Foster conclusively proved that his character against Rev. Mr. Hines, the populist candidate for superintendent of Fillmore county. Austin took several witnesses with him when he left for Geneva yesterday, and upon their evidence he was released without any argument having been made by his counsel. The affair is said to have turned out well, and Austin in all probability is having a comfortable bearing on their county campaign.

The sample ballots for Lancaster county have been issued by the county clerk, and are immense affairs, as they contain eight tickets. The parties are placed in the following order: Republican, people's independent, democrat, social, republican, liberal, and middle-of-the-road populist by petition.

The colored people of Lincoln gave a very successful cake walk at Knights of Pythias hall last night, a large crowd being present. The successful couple in the contest for the cake was James Bebell and Miss Jennie Woodley. The balance of the evening was spent in dancing.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lincoln C. W. Hicks, H. N. Ward, Curtis L. Day, F. L. Lewis, G. H. Mitchell. At the Lincoln—A. T. Sayles, T. S. Deaman, C. E. White, R. E. Hughes, John A. Krug, W. W. Wyatt.

UPHOLDS FEDERATION'S ACTION.

Woman's Club of Plattsmouth Censures Editors of Woman's Papers.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 26.—(Special)—At the meeting of the Plattsmouth Woman's club yesterday the following resolutions were presented by Mrs. Minnie Clark and adopted with but one dissenting vote:

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Blanketed Ballots Are Expected to Cause Confusion at the Polls.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Oct. 26.—(Special)—County Clerk Pohl has received the blanket ballots from the printers and the voters are eagerly examining and criticizing the samples. It is the general opinion that the new ballot will not be clearly understood, and it is believed the case will narrow down to two counts on the abstraction of funds, where accounts that were not paid were marked paid, and four counts in regard to the reports which are claimed to have been false and fraudulent.

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Democrats Hold Out for Change in the Constitution.

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